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That I have personally conducted or supervised the conduct of all of the work reported in the examples including the comparative examples in the specification of the present application, and the results obtained are as set forth therein;

That, to show that the present invention should be patentably distinguished from the cited art, I carried out the following comparative working, in which all "parts" are by weight).

Comparative Working

U.S. Patent No. 4,692,490 to Abolins discloses polyphenylene ether compositions within the composition ranges shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Ingredients	Amount (parts)
(a) Polyphenylene ether	10 to 90
(b) High impact polystyrene	90 to 10
Total of (a) and (b):	100 parts
(c) Polybrominated 1,4-diphenoxybenzene	6 to 18 per 100 parts of (a) and (b)
(d) Antimony oxide	2 to 6 per 100 parts of (a) and (b)

In accordance with the above compositions, a composition containing only polyphenylene ether and high impact polystyrene and compositions containing polyphenylene ether, high impact polystyrene and an organic clay or a common clay (clay not rendered organic, i.e., inorganic clay) were prepared and then molded into a thin injection molded article, in the manner as described below. Then, the dielectric breakdown strength of the molded articles were measured.

Example A

60 parts of polyphenylene ether (YPX100F, manufactured by Mitsubishi Engineering Plastic Co.: hereinbelow referred to as "PPE") and 40 parts of high impact polystyrene (H238, manufactured by Nippon Polystyrene Co.: hereinbelow referred to as "HIPS") were dry blended. The blend was melt kneaded on a twin screw extruder at 280 to 300°C and extruded into a strand. The extruded strand was pelletized to obtain a PPE/HIPS composition. The resulting composition was injection molded into a plate-like test piece of a size of 1 mm × 100 mm × 150 mm and the test piece was subjected to the dielectric breakdown test using a dielectric breakdown test machine HAT-300-100RHO manufactured by Hitachi Technoservice Co. at 150°C in silicone oil with raising the voltage at rate of 1 kV/min. The voltage at a current of 5 mA was determined as the dielectric breakdown strength.

The result was indicated as an average value of 3 tests and is shown in Table 2 below.

Example B

The procedure described in Example A was repeated except that 7 parts of an organic clay (corresponding to 5 parts of inorganic clay) was added to the blend during the melt kneading. The organic clay used was montmorillonite (inorganic clay) rendered organic with stearylammmonium. The result is shown in Table 2.

Example C

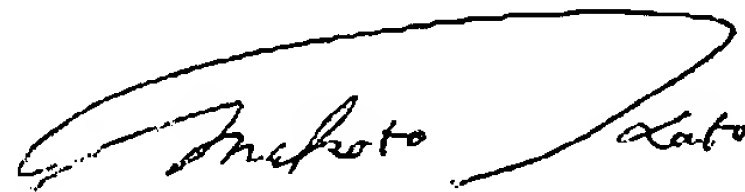
The procedure described in Example B was repeated except that 5 parts of clay (montmorillonite: inorganic clay) was used instead of 7 parts of the organic clay (i.e., montmorillonite rendered organic with stearylammmonium). The result is shown in Table 2.

Table 2

	<u>Example A</u>	<u>Example B</u>	<u>Example C</u>
PPE (parts)	60	60	60
HIPS (parts)	40	40	40
Organic clay (parts)	0	7	0
Clay (parts)	0	0	5
Dielectric breakdown strength (kV/mm)	42.0	45.5	39.5

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